LETTER FROM GARCIA-INCHAUSTEGUI
TO SECRETARY GENERAL U THANT
OCTOBER 27, 1962

(Unofficial Version)

Excellency:

On the instructions of the Revolutionary Government
of Cuba I have the honor to transmit to you the following
message:

"Your Excellency:

I have received your message dated October 26,
and express my appreciation of your noble concern.

Cuba is prepared to discuss as fully as may be
necessary, its differences with the United States and
to do everything in its power, in cooperation with
the United Nations, to resolve the present crisis.
However, it flatly rejects the violation of the
sovereignty of our country involved in the naval
blockade, an act of force and war committed by the
United States against Cuba. In addition, it flatly
rejects the presumption of the United States to
determine what actions we are entitled to take within
our country, what kind of arms we consider appropriate
for our defense, what relations we are to have with
the USSR, and what international policy steps we
are entitled to take, within the rules and laws
governing relations between the peoples of the world
and the principles governing the United Nations, in
order to guarantee our own security and sovereignty.

Cuba is victimizing no one; it has violated no
international law; on the contrary, it is the victim
of the aggressive acts of the United States, such as
the naval blockade, and its rights have been outraged.

The Revolutionary Government of Cuba would be
prepared to accept the compromises that you request
as efforts in favor of peace, provided that at the
same time, while negotiations are in progress, the
United States Government desists from threats and
aggressive actions against Cuba, including the naval
blockade of our country.

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'At the same time I express to you our willingness
to consider attentively any new suggestion you may
put forward, furthermore, should you consider it
useful to the cause of peace, our government would be
glad to receive you in our country, as Secretary
General of the United Nations, with a view to direct
discussions on the present crisis, prompted by our
common purpose of freeing mankind from the dangers
of war.

Unreserved respect for the sovereignty of Cuba
is the essential prerequisite if Cuba is to contribute
with the greatest sincerity and goodwill, grudging
no step towards the solution of the present problem,
and joining forces with all those peoples who are
struggling to save peace at this dramatic moment in
the life of mankind; Cuba can do whatever is asked
of it, except undertake to be a victim and to renounce
the rights which belong to every sovereign state.

I reiterate the assurances of my highest
consideration.

        Major Fidel Castro Ruz , Prime Minister
        of the Revolutionary Government of Cuba"

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of
my highest consideration.

                    /s/ Garcia-Inchaustegui
                      Ambassador